

transporting the multi-memory card to the second read/write component according to the first selected function;

positioning a second memory of the multi-memory card within the second read/write component to facilitate reading from and writing to a second read/write component; and

performing the first selected function;

displaying the results of the first selected function to the user;

providing selectable functions to the user;

receiving a second selected function, the second selected function having an associated third read/write component;

transporting the multi-memory card to the third read/write component according to the second selected function;

positioning a third memory of the multi-memory card within the third read/write component to facilitate reading from or writing thereto according to the second selected function; and

reading from or writing to the third memory according to the second selected function.

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9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the third read/write component is selected from the group consisting of a magnetic read/write component, an electronic read/write component, and an optical read/write component.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the third memory is selected from the group consisting of a magnetic memory, an electronic memory, and an optical memory.

12. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the second selected function is selected from the group consisting of:

resetting at least one of the first and second memories;
reviewing account balances in at least one of the first and second memories;
reconciling accounts based on information in at least one of the first and second memories;
updating account information in at least one the first and second memories;
transferring money to or between at least one of the first and second memories; and
dispensing the multi-memory card.

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13. (Amended) A system for controlling the reading from and writing to a multi-memory card comprising:

a read/write device including a magnetic read/write component, an optical read/write component, and an electronic read/write component for reading from or writing to a magnetic memory, an optical memory and an electronic memory of the multi-memory card;

a transport device connected to the read/write device for transporting the multi-memory card within the read/write device; and

a control device operatively coupled to the transport device and the read/write device for controlling the transport device and the read/write device.

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15. (Amended) A system according to claim 13, wherein the transport device comprises at least two transport mechanisms selected from the group consisting of a magnetic transport mechanism, an optical transport mechanism, and an electronic transport mechanism for transporting the multi-memory card through the magnetic read/write component, optical read/write component and the electronic read/write component.

23. (Amended) A system for controlling the reading from and writing to a multi-memory card comprising:

means for positioning a first memory of the multi-memory card within a first read/write component to facilitate reading from the first read/write component;

means for reading information from the first memory;

means for providing selectable functions in the form of a menu to a user;

means for receiving a first selected function, the first selected function having an associated second read/write component;

15 means for transporting the multi-memory card to the second read/write component according to the first selected function;

means for positioning a second memory of the multi-memory card within the second read/write component to facilitate reading from and writing to a second read/write component; and

means for performing the first selected function;

means for displaying the results of the first selected function to the user;

means for providing selectable functions to the user;

means for receiving a second selected function, the second selected function having an associated third read/write component;

means for transporting the multi-memory card to the third read/write component according to the second selected function;

means for positioning a third memory of the multi-memory card within the third read/write component to facilitate reading from or writing thereto according to the second selected function; and

means for reading from or writing to the third memory according to the second selected function.

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